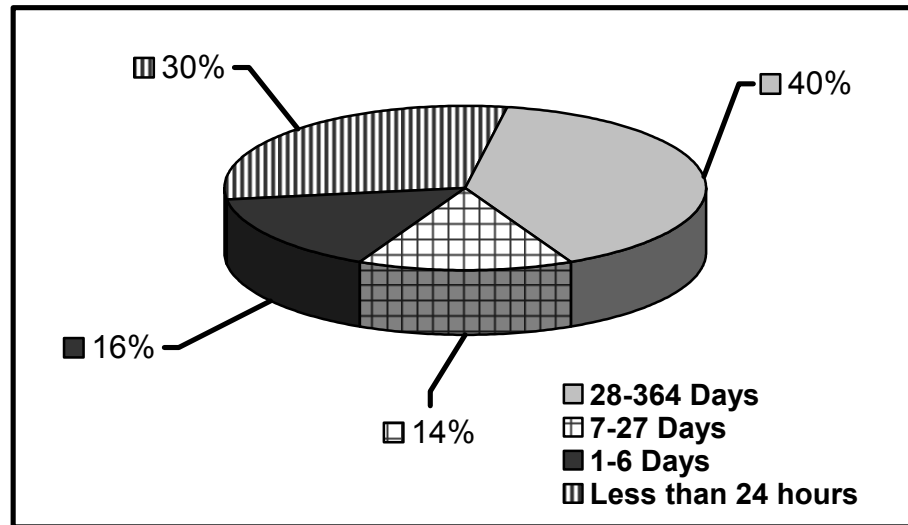




## INFANT MORTALITY TENNESSEE RESIDENTS 1999–2004

During the 1999–2004 period, 471,464 babies were born to Tennessee women; 4,137 of these infants died during their first year of life, an average of 708 deaths each year. This resulted in an infant death rate of 8.8 deaths for every 1,000 births. The national rate for the same period is estimated at 6.9 deaths.

### INFANT DEATHS BY AGE AT DEATH, TENNESSEE RESIDENTS, 1999–2004



### RISK FACTORS THAT AFFECT INFANT MORTALITY TENNESSEE RESIDENT BIRTHS, 2003

Higher Risk Factors	Rate per 1000 live births	Lower Risk Factors	Rate per 1000 live births
Black	18.0	White	7.0
Single Mother	12.7	Married	6.3
Premature Birth	51.0	Normal term Birth	3.4
Twins or More	37.5	Single Birth	7.7
No prenatal Visits	46.0	One or More Prenatal Visits	8.0
Smoking	12.0	Non-smoking	7.7
Non high school graduate	11.9	College graduate	4.6
Urban resident	10.3	Rural resident	7.4

\*Linked birth/death file, 2003  
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